

Hampden Conservation Commission

AGENDA

Feb. 27, 2007, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

1. Introduction of Guests
2. Acceptance of Jan. 30, 2007 minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. Fish Warden (guest – warden from Orrington or Winterport)
 - b. Conservation Award
 - c. Green space signs
 - i. Finalize design
 - ii. Order signs
 - iii. List of places to start posting
4. On-Hold Business
 - a. Dorothea Dix survey
 - b. Vernal Pools
5. New Business
 - a. Prioritizing areas for conservation (review maps and discuss areas of greatest conservation need and/or importance to recommend to the Hampden Community Services Committee as part of the Comprehensive Plan)
 - b. Forest management on former L.L. Bean property?
 - c. HCC Officer elections
 - d. HCC contact info
6. Town Planner's Report

**Hampden Conservation Commission
February 27, 2007 Meeting
Minutes**

Present: Ed Steltzer (Chair), Don Katnik, Mark McCollough, Bob Osborne, Mike Robbins (minutes), Wally Jakubas, Tom Brann (councilor).

1. Introduction of Guest: Robert Mushrall, Orland Fish Warden).

2. Minutes from the January 30, 2007 meeting: Minutes were accepted.

3. Old Business

a. Discussion with Robert Mushrall, Orland Fish Warden: Mr. Mushrall presented information on the history of the alewife fishery in Orland and how it is currently managed by the town. A few years ago Orland volunteers did a survey count of alewives moving through the fishway there. The alewives typically move upstream in May when water temperatures reach 13 to 14 degrees centigrade. Last year the Town of Orland awarded alewife fishing rights to one person for a \$4000.00 fee. The arrangement is negotiated annually. A split of the revenues obtained for the alewives as opposed to a set fee is a possibility.

Based on our discussion the following decisions were made: 1) recommend to the Town Council that the moratorium on alewife fishing in the Souadabscook be continued for the 2007 season (Bob will draft it); 2) obtain historical information on alewife runs in the Souadabscook and recommendations on how best to conduct a survey on current runs (Mike will call Tom Squiers of the Maine Department of Marine Resources); 3) Fred Kercheis will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the Souadabscook fishery (Wally will call him); and 4) this information will

b. Conservation Award: The Town Council Ordinance Committee has not reviewed proposed criteria yet.

c. Green Space Signs:

(i) Finalize design: Mark McCollough will draft a sign to bring to the next meeting. We will probably have a basic Town of Hampden Open space sign and then have separate signs underneath to designate permitted uses, trail, number key for GIS etc.

(ii) Order signs: We will wait until design and materials are decided.

(iii) List of places to start posting: A subcommittee of Don, Bob and Ed Dan will begin to enter GIS coordinates on likely places.

Tom Brann mentioned the possibility of Hampden businesses sponsoring open space.

4. On-Hold Business

a. Dorothea Dix Park: All survey site work is done and product is awaited. Matt Arnett and the Community Service Committee are looking into establishing a "Friends of Dorothea Dix" group to generate funds to move the park wall further back from Rte. 1A.

b. Vernal pools: As an aspect of performing the land cover assessment, Prentice and Carlisle will identify vernal pools.

5. New Business

a. Prioritizing conservation areas: All members will review maps prepared by Gretchen with respect to determining areas to recommend to the Community Service Community for inclusion in the revision of the Comprehensive Plan as top priorities for conservation. A separate meeting will be scheduled to work on this.

b. Forest management on former L.L. Bean property: Prentice and Carlisle mapping will be used to develop a forest management plan for the former L.L. Bean property. A mature forest maintenance plan for Dorothea Dix Park is also being discussed. Funding will be sought via Project Canopy for either these projects for a shade tree survey in pursuit of a Tree City designation.

c. HCC officer elections: Don was elected chairman and Ed as co-chairman. Mike will serve as secretary.

d. HCC contact information: All members provided Don with contact information.

6. Town Planner's Report: Autumn Ridge Estates on the Meadow Road is proposed as a 14 lot, 31 acre subdivision with 2 parcels of open space. It is probable that after 5 years a proposal for 6 more lots will be forthcoming. The HCC suggests that an easement of part of an existing trail into the major wetland area be requested.

7. Next meeting date: Next full meeting of the HCC will be March 27, 2007.